(b) if so, whether the Central Government would intervene and instruct Karnataka Government to keep in view the interests of farmers of above four districts of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) The Upper Tunga Project of Karnataka proposed across river Tunga 100.00 m downstream of the existing Tunga anicut was accepted by the Advisory Committee on Ministry of Water Resources in its 80th meeting held on 07.02.2003. However, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has recently indicated that the clearance to the New Tunga Project should be revoked as it involves utilization beyond what is permitted by Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal (KWDT). The Government of Karnataka has reported that the Upper Tunga Project is an on-going project covered under Scheme 'A' of the KWDT Award and thus there will not be any adverse impact on irrigation systems in the four districts of Andhra Pradesh namely, Kurnool, Ananatpur, Cuddapah, and Mahabubnagar. The issue was discussed in an inter-State meeting convened by the Chairman, Central Water Commission on 27th June, 2003.

Contaminated underground water

†270. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the underground water in several States has become contaminated;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of action being taken by Government to tackle this serious situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) As per studies carried out by the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), under the Ministry of Water Resources, ground water in major parts of the country is by and large potable. However, ground water has been found contaminated in some parts of the country. The names of States and locations where ground water have been found contaminated and reasons thereof are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix 199 Annexure No. 1]

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) Provision of drinking water supply is the responsibility of the State Governments. The Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission has been assisting and guiding the States in provisioning of safe drinking water to rural areas under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme and exclusive Sub-Mission programmes in areas having serious ground water quality problems like fluoride, iron, arsenic and brackishness in such areas where ground water is unfit for drinking, safe drinking water is provided through alternative sources, either by tapping surface water or by undertaking remedial measures like defluoridation, iron and arsenic removal.

Centrally sponsored schemes for waters resources

†271. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of centrally-sponsored schemes being implemented in the country for providing assistance to State Governments for augmenting water resources and exploitation thereof;

(b) the year-wise amount allocated alongwith the amount released to each State particularly to Jharkhand under each scheme during the last three years till date; and

(c) what has been the achievement of each State with regard to conservation of additional water and exploitation of water resources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Ministry of Water Resources does not implement any Centrally Sponsored Scheme for augmentation, conservation or, exploitation of Water Resources. However, the Centrally Sponsored Command Area Development Programme being implemented since 1974-75 is aimed at bridging the gap between irrigation potential created and that utilized through efficient utilization of created irrigation potential and optimizing agricultural production/productivity from irrigated lands on a sustainable basis. A number of activities such as construction of field channels and field drains, rotational water supply system, etc., directly related with improving water utilisation are funded by the Centre and States on matching basis. The programme is being implemented in all the 28 States.

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